



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANSING

RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

January 2, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Melody Arabo, 2014-2015 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teacher of the Year Report

12/17 - Keith Caring Community Club (KC3), visited the Sunrise Senior Living Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan, to sing holiday songs and share poetry with the residents.

12/18 - Teachers Educating and Creating Hope (TEACH), launched a social media campaign where people can donate \$10 to [helpiraq.org](http://helpiraq.org) by texting RELIEF to 20222.

12/23 - The *Detroit Free Press* highlighted the work of TEACH with a front page story, which was also picked up by *USA Today Online*.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

JOHN C. AUSTIN – PRESIDENT • CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – VICE PRESIDENT  
RICHARD ZEILE – TREASURER • MICHELLE FECTEAU – NASBE DELEGATE  
LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY • PAMELA PUGH SMITH  
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS • EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
[www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) • (517) 373-3324